Chukha hydel project in Bhutan

@*399-A. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water and Power Commission has been administering the Chukha Hydel Project in Bhutan;

(b) if so, since when the project has been going on, the number of employees it has employed since 1974 and what is the present strength;

(c) whether it is a fact that all workmen are working on temporary basis for the last ten years; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to make them permanent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir. The Chukha Hydel project in Bhutan is being constructed by the Chukha Project Authority, an autonomous body under the Royal Government of Bhutan.

(b) The project was taken up for construction in 1974 and the number of persons employed since then have varied according to the requirements of work. At present, the project has a strength of about 2700 personnel directly recruited in addition to personnel on deputation from the Government of India, a few other organisations in India, and the Royal Government of Bhutan.

(c) and (d) The directly-recruited staff are not borne on any cadre of the Royal Government of Bhutan since they are required only for the duration of construction of the project. As such, these workers cannot be made permanent.

@Previously Starred Question 380 transferred from the 13th December, 1985.

Karnal and Mangalore Refineries

*400. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 48 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set October 21st, 1985 as the dead line for submitting detailed offer to the Indian Oil Corporation and the Hindustan Petroleum for joint venture participation in the Karnal and Mangalore refineries;

(b) if so, how many companies have offered their services in this regard;

(c) whether any final decision has been taken as to whom this contract would be awarded;

(d) what are the criteria that have been followed for deciding the same; and

(e) by when the work on these projects is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (e) All the parties had been asked to send their proposals by 25th October, 1985. 19 parties in all have shown interest in entering into a joint venture with either Indian Oil Corporation or Hindustan Petroleum Corporation for the Karnal and Mangalore Refineries.

No final decision has yet been taken as to the parties with whom the joint venture companies should be formed.

भोपाल गैस त्रासदी की केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा जांच

@2650. **श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो के अधिकारी कब से भोपाल जहरीले गैस कांड तथा

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यूनियन कारबाइड संयंत्र, भोपाल के अभिलेखों की जांच कर रहे हैं और इस कार्य में कितने अधिकारी लगे हुए हैं; और

(ख) सरकार ने अब तक जांच कार्य पर कितनी राशि खर्च की है और अब तक की गई जांच का ब्योरा क्या है?

रसायन और पैट्रो-रसायन विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० के० जयचन्द्र सिंह) : (क) केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने 6 दिसम्बर, 1984 से जांच का कार्य संभाला। अब तक जांच में अन्तर्ग्रस्त केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो के अधिकारियों की संख्या 15 है।

(ख) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार 31.10.1985 तक केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो पर 90,000—रूपए की राशि व्यय की गयी है। केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने यू०सी०आई०एल० के सारे सम्बद्ध दस्तावेज इसके भोपाल संयंत्र तथा क्रमशः बम्बई और कलकत्ता में स्थित इसके निगमित एवं पंजीकृत कार्यालयों से अपने कब्जे में ले लिए हैं। कब्जे में लिए गए सभी दस्तावेजों की जांच करने के अतिरिक्त, 2/3 दिसम्बर, 1984 की रात को जिस टैंक 610 से एम० आइ० सी० का रिसाव हुआ था, उसे भी निकाला गया और खोला गया। टैंक को निकालने के बाद इसे काट कर खोला गया और अवशेष के नमूने लिए गए और वैज्ञानिक दल को विश्लेषण तथा जांच पड़ताल के लिए दिए गए।

Programme of self-employment for educated unemployed youth

@@2651. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation for the programme of self-employment for educated unemployed youth year-wise from 1980 to 1985;

(b) how many educated unemployed youth have been benefited through the implementation of this programme, State-wise; and

(c) the nature of benefits availed by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The scheme for self-employment for educated unemployed youth was announced on 15-8-83 with an annual target of 2.50 lakh ventures. This scheme was continued during 1983-84, 1984-85 and is continuing in 1985-86 with identical target.

(b) So far 4.71 lakh educated unemployed youth have been sanctioned loans under this Scheme. A statement showing State-wise progress during 1983-84 and 1984-85 is enclosed. The progress for the year 1985-86 will be known after March, 1986.

(c) Under the Scheme educated unemployed youth who have passed matriculation examination, are within the age group of 18 to 35 years and do not belong to affluent sections of society are sanctioned loans upto Rs. 25,000/- by the bank for setting up industry, service and business ventures on the recommendations of District Industries Centres Task Force. Interest at the rate of 10 per cent is charged in backward areas and 12 per cent in non-backward areas. Government of India provides capital subsidy at the rate of 25 per cent for each loan contracted and this is administered through the Reserve Bank of India.

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